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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TORRICELLI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Beach En-
5 hancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GIVING RECREATIONAL BENEFITS THE SAME STA-**
2 **TUS AS OTHER BEACH RESTORATION BENE-**
3 **FITS.**

4 (a) Subsection (e)(2)(B)(i) of the 1st section of the
5 Act entitled “An Act authorizing Federal participation in
6 the cost of protecting the shores of publicly owned prop-
7 erty.” approved August 13, 1946 (33 U.S.C. 426e; 110
8 Stat. 3698–3699) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following: “In making such recommendations, the Sec-
10 retary shall develop and implement procedures which treat
11 economic benefits, hurricane and storm damage reduction,
12 and environmental restoration benefits equally.”.

13 (b) As used in the Act, the term “economic benefits”
14 includes the usage of the beach for recreation as well as
15 revenues derived by businesses and government entities
16 from such usage.

17 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL SHARE.**

18 Section 103(c) of the Water Resources Development
19 Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4085) is amended by adding the
20 following at the end: “This proposition shall not apply to
21 those shore protection projects described in section 2 of
22 this Act.”.

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